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## CERFP Passes Eval, Now Can Respond to Any Disaster



*CERFP members from the 152nd AW Medical Group unfold tents that form a tent city of mobile hospitals, decontamination tents and patient holding areas.*

*Photos and Story By:  
Tech Sgt. Eric Ritter  
152nd AW Public Affairs*

They made it look easy by exercise evaluation standards, but the Nevada National Guard CBRN Enhance Response Force Package (CERFP) passed the evaluation that made the unit "live" and now able to respond to almost any disaster in their operating area.

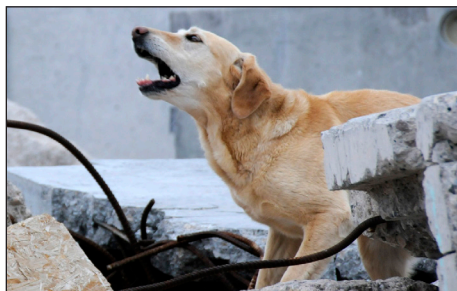
Arriving to an impressive rubble pile of twisted rebar and concrete just outside Nellis Air Force Base in North Las Vegas, the team responded to a simulated mustard gas-filled train derailling in a town in Tennessee that was overwhelmed by the disaster.

The moment "unleash the dragon!"

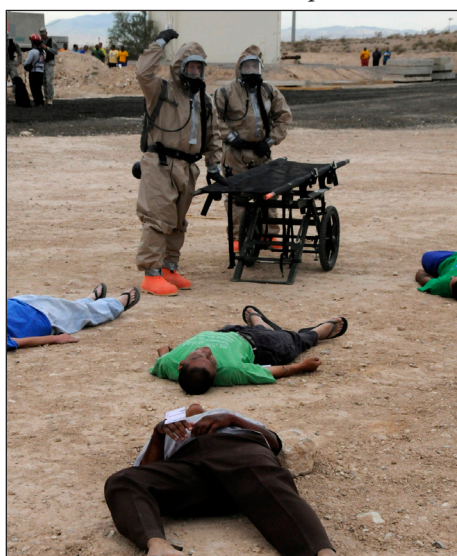
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*A search and rescue dog was brought in to help CERFP Search and Rescue teams find victims in the disaster rubble pile.*



*Victims of the simulated mustard gas accident lay on the ground waiting for transport to receive care from the CERFP team.*



*The victims who were exposed to the mustard gas are washed down in decontamination tents to minimize the affects of the harmful gas.*



*Lt. Col. Scott Shepherd, 152nd AW Med Group Medical Provider simulates a chest decompression on an injured victim.*



# Commander's Corner

*Col. Michael Williams,  
Commander, 152nd Airlift Wing*

Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV) Is an Air Force Reserve term for flying off to a training center and practicing for an Operational Readiness Inspection.

We are paired up with the Youngstown Ohio Reserve unit for the ORI June 12-23, 2013. Over the past few Guard drills, we have been preparing for the RAV 4-12 May 2012 where we get the opportunity to exercise our plan to successfully pack up, deploy, employ, and finally redeploy as a Wing. Next week's events are designed to take all of you through the crawl, walk and run phases to allow you to absorb all the training. If you

have questions on the schedule of events next week, it is on the Share Point.

I want to give you the big picture of the week's events. On Saturday and Sunday of drill, we will be processing cargo and deploying members. On Sunday the advance team will fly to Alpena to prepare for the arrival of the main group of deployed members. Early Monday is the travel day for the main group and unfortunately it will be a long day. Tuesday and Wednesday will be training on all the additional items you must be familiar with to ensure we our successful. Thursday and Friday, we will go through a simulated two day war practicing our ability to employ in a combat environment. After that, we need to pack up and prepare to redeploy on Saturday.

I want to thank all for all the hard

work up to this point and the work will do in the future. ORE's and RAVs are the best opportunity to train for the ORI. Remember...attitude is everything.



## Recruiting and Retention Notes

Recruiting and Retention has events scheduled during May: Junior Cadet Leadership Camp April 30th - May 5th, Cinco de Mayo, May 5th & 6th, C-130 incentive flight, May 18th, Traditional American Music Project, May 19th, and multiple Washoe County JROTC Cadet awards nights.

If you would like to volunteer with one of these events, please contact one of the recruiters below. Tech Sgt. Miller 788-4547, Tecc Sgt. Muniz 788-4544, Tech Sgt. Glynn 788-4546, Tech Sgt. Hampton 788-4545.

Please welcome our newest High Rollers that enlisted in April: Danielle Del Prete, Blair Harkleroad, Paul

Mattick, Brittini Wiggins, Kyle Kong, Christopher Dugger, Andrew McVicars, Nicholas Hayes, Kimberly Belen, and Brian Stanton.

Master Sgt. John Baker will be TDY May 13 - July 1. If you have any questions or issues concerning Recruiting and Retention, please contact Master Sgt. Clinton Dudley at 788-4541.

Text Book reimbursements are due June 15. Please ensure you have the following:

- Semester Grades
- Text Book Receipt
- Syllabus showing requirement for book
- State Text Book Reimbursement Form
- State Vendor Registration form
- Vendor Change of Address form

(Only if you moved since last payment)

You can now find all forms you need here: <http://131.60.64.30/HQNVANG/Ret/Summer%20School%20Tuition%20Reimbursement%20Form/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

If you do not have all of the required documentation, your payment will not be processed.

Your Nevada Air Guard Retention Office has its very own Facebook page! The idea is to help our latest news out to you at any time!

You will find updates on Montgomery GI Bill (including transferability of Post-9-11 GI Bill benefits), what AFSC's have a bonus for that quarter, and so on. Feel free to share with us what you would like to see on the Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaAirGuardRetentionOffice>

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# Wing Physcological Health Examiner: Your Anger, Their Anger

By Trudy Gilbert-Eliot,  
152nd Airlift Wing,  
Director of Psychological Health

There is a saying attributed to Nelson Mandela that states: "Resentment is like drinking poison and then hoping it will kill your enemies." This is the crux of the problem with anger: it destroys so much of the person who nurtures it while the other person may not have any idea how the angry person feels. In order to maintain anger, a person must review the event that caused the angry feelings. There are several problems with this:

- Anger is fueled by review—it may only increase over time, leads to solidifying anger stories in the memory system, makes the emotion of anger more readily accessible, and forms a habit of being a negative, bitter person.
- Memory is prone to distortions which the person will become very attached to as truth.
- Venting anger only increases anger and solidifies the anger experience in the brain.
- Angry people experience higher levels of heart disease and lower quality of life.

Most of us, if asked, would rather be happy than angry but for those who have formed a habit of being angry, here are some tips for breaking the cycle:

1. Do some simple emotional math. Calculate how much time you spend thinking angry thoughts about a situation or a person. First of all, would you want that person to know you devote that many hours thinking about them? For example, would you feel comfortable letting your x-wife know that you think about her every day still? How you spend your time is solid evidence of what you value so how you spend your thinking time along with physical activities is evidence of what is most important to you. Secondly, be aware that all of those hours you spend thinking about someone or something that makes you angry are hours that are absolutely 'spent': you don't get them back!

Every hour you spend being angry takes an hour away from people and activities that could be happy, loving, interesting, fun, or growth-inducing.

2. Review your 'rules.' Often anger is generated when we feel someone has broken a rule which we feel they 'should' have followed. The problem is that usually other people do not share our value systems and probably did not agree to the rule. Would you be okay with others imposing a rule on you that you were unaware of and did not agree to but must accept punishment for? This reminds me of the man who would leave the grocery store furious because people did not follow the 'rules of the road' with their cart when going down the aisles.

Can you imagine being angry for hours because people made 'illegal turns' going from one aisle to the next?! Next time you are angry, ask yourself if the person you are angry with agreed to follow the rule in your head. It might put their behavior in perspective.

3. The easiest way to break a habit is to replace it. If we merely try to stop a bad habit the odds are good we will quickly

relapse or we will fill that gap with something else that might not be any healthier than the last habit. If you are prone to negative, angry thinking, make a list of all of the things you are very grateful for and carry the list with you. When you start the angry thinking cycle pull out your list and slowly review it. Get emotionally attached to the stories that would best illustrate the items on your list. Remember in great detail your last happy family vacation, the joy of graduating from a challenging course of study, getting an award, or spending quiet time outdoors. Keep in mind it takes about three weeks to break a habit or form a new one.

No matter what, be patient with yourself and utilize your support system to help you with awareness and encouragement. If you would like more information about dealing with your own or someone else's anger, consider contacting your Wing Director of Psychological Health: Trudy Gilbert-Eliot, M.S., LMFT, LADC at 775-788-9307 or BB: 775-420-8817.

## Director of Air National Guard Chaplain Corps Graces High Rollers



The Director of the Air National Guard Chaplain Corps, Col. Leslie Hyder, visited the Nevada Air National Guard base as part of a tour to reach out to units around the country about issues important to the safety of Airmen. He especially stressed suicide awareness, because, unfortunately, the Nevada Air Guard recently had a suicide case. He stated that 80% of suicides in the Air Guard were carried out by Traditional Guard members.

"How do we reach our traditional Airmen who we only see a few days a month?," he asked a room full of first-line leaders. "We need to focus more on the Wingman Project and do what we can to identify those who are at risk."

"The National Guard is a very unique organization," he said. "In the Guard when we lose a member, it's like losing a member of our family, and we just can't let that happen." (Photo by Tech Sgt Eric Ritter)



## Comm Flight Uses Computer Skills to Judge SkillsUSA Competition

*Master Sgt. Paula Clark,  
152nd Airlift Wing, Public Affairs*

For the past 10 years, Senior Master Sgt. Steve White has been the “go-to” guy for the Computer Technician Maintenance competition at the SkillsUSA event held at the Reno Events Center.

Each April, White assembles a team of 152nd Comm. Flight personnel to assist him in connecting with local high school students in an opportunity to enhance both the student's skills but also his team member's expertise.

White took with him an Air National Guard crew ranging from an Airman 1st Class with less than three years in the military all the way up to a 21-year veteran Tech. Sergeant.

It was an eye-opening experience for the judges as well. According to Comm Flight Focal Point Technician, Staff Sgt. Amanda Williams, “It was an exciting opportunity to see the challenge that the students lived up to.”

Six students showed up for the competition and worked hard to prove their computer problem-solving skills. After a series of hands-on tests, a written test, interview, and resume review, there were two students who came out on top. SkillsUSA was established in 1966 as VICA, (Vocal Industrial Clubs of America). This organization partners with local businesses and enables high



*Staff Sgt. Amanda Williams scores a student on his knowledge of computer components during the SkillsUSA competition held last week the Reno Event Center (Photo by: Master Sgt. Paula Clark)*

school students an opportunity to get experience in a field they may be interested in going into after school. Through being involved in SkillsUSA, they gain valuable job skills and experience in resume writing and job interviews. There are many fields which are involved like trades ranging from automobile technology to web design. Students compete locally and then go on to state and national championships. The mission of SkillsUSA is to help its members become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens.

## Nevada Air National Guard “Lymphomaniacs” Take Top Money Raising Honor for American Cancer Society Relay

*By: Capt. Jen Kimsey*

I'm sure many of you may have seen the signs around base talking about the Lymphomaniacs raising money for the American Cancer Society. As a Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma survivor this past year, it was important for me to “pay it forward” for all the help and support I received. I put together a team for the Relay for Life, which included friends from my civilian side, but also from my military family. Lt Col Shelly Assiff, Senior Master Sgt. Jesse Kimsey, Senior Master Sgt. Paul Bright, Senior Master Sgt. Tabitha Hartman, Master Sgt. Jon Baker, Master Sgt. Xio Young, Tech Sgt. Sara Coney, Tech Sgt. Amy Baker, Tech Sgt. Danielle Del Prete, Tech Sgt. Sherdean Brisendine, Staff Sgt. Tim Schweppe, Marie McCoy, and Senior Airman Alex Norris were all donors and volunteers for our relay team.

The relay started at 6pm on April 20 with a tribute to Survivors, Marie and I were happy to walk the lap. This was lead by some of our very own Honor Guard members.

Each hour, we switched out our team members to walk the track. They had entertainment with local bands, Zumba, a magician and more. We had several friends and family stop by to cheer us on. Because the event was held at UNR on Mackay Field, we were limited on the food and drink we could have, so we brought out St. Lawrence's mobile pizza truck to make food for all the teams. We lit Luminaries for our friends and loved ones lost to cancer. Norris participated in the Mr. Relay competition and won!

It was exhausting, but we had a great time. As we wrapped up the next morning, I reflected again how lucky I truly am. We could not have done it without your help and support. I am excited to tell you that

the Lymphomaniacs raised over \$4,611 for the American Cancer Society. That was enough to come in 1st PLACE for fundraising.

We were sponsored by the Cantina Los Tres Hombres and Reno Dental Associates. Thank you to SANGA, MPF, MXS, and the DFAC for allowing us to sell our UNR cancer NSPIRE shirts. This is a nation-wide event, with the next one in Reno being held at the end of June at Reno High School. Thank you again, and may every cancer patient see more birthdays!!

If you or someone you know from the Nevada Air National Guard is positively involved with local community activities, the Public Affairs Office would like to know. Please send the info to [152aw.highroller@ang.af.mil](mailto:152aw.highroller@ang.af.mil)

# Unit Forums, News and Notes

## Finance Forum

### **BAH Re-certifications**

It is BAH recert time again. If the last digit of your social security number ends in a 5, 4, 3, 2, or a 1 and you have not yet accomplished, please come to the finance office to fill out a new AF Form 594. This must be completed by the end of the May UTA. The process will only take a few minutes and non compliance may result in loss of pay.

### **RUTA/BUTA/SUTA make-ups**

All RUTA/BUTA/SUTA make-ups for Fiscal Year 12 (Oct 2011- Sep 2012) must be completed and turned in for pay no later than 16 August 2012! If your pay document is turned in after the previous mentioned date, you will not be paid per National Guard Bureau (NGB). So be sure to get those documents physically in the hands of a Finance member by 16 August.

This time frame excludes August,

which may be made up through the month of August, and September, which may be made up until the close of the Fiscal Year (30Sep2012).

### **DTS**

When filing your DTS voucher, do not forget to upload a signed copy of your AROWS order. Also, please be sure to upload a copy of your airline itinerary that was emailed to you from SATO. Even though the airfare was booked in DTS, it does not mean that a receipt is not needed. These are the two main reasons for returned vouchers in DTS.

### **DTS AIRFARE TICKETS NOT PURCHASED?**

Unless you have received an email from DTS stating that your authorization has been signed "approved", your DTS authorization is incomplete and airfare may not have been purchased. To check and see where your DTS authorization is sitting in the approval process, go to 'Official

Travel', 'Authorization/Orders'. Then click 'view/edit' on the current authorization you would like to view. Once in the actual authorization, go to 'Digital Signatures'. Under 'Pending Routing Actions' it will list who still needs to sign your authorization in order of precedence. If the top item says 'CTO Booked' your tickets have not yet been purchased and it is sitting with SATO. In order to get this pushed through, you must call SATO at 1-855-794-4927 and let them know that you have an authorization sitting at 'CTO Booked' and they should push it through. Please keep a keen eye on this, as it sometimes takes a few phone calls to get the authorization pushed through.

We have currently been having issues with DTS authorizations sitting at 'CTO Booked' for up to a month. This is your responsibility, as the member and traveler, to make sure your DTS authorization has made it through the full process before you begin your travel.

## **May UTA Menu**

### Saturday

Beef Fajitas  
Chicken Fajitas  
Chili Verde  
Spanish Rice  
Refried Beans  
Spanish Corn  
Posole (Soup)  
Asst. Desserts

### SHORT ORDER

Hot Dogs  
Hamburger  
Cheeseburger  
Chicken Wraps  
Chili  
Nachos  
French Fries

### Sunday

Roast Beef  
Orange Glaze Chicken  
Sweet Potato Fries  
Baked Beans  
Mixed Vegetables  
Peas  
Posole (Soup)  
Asst. Desserts

### SHORT ORDER

Hamburger  
Cheeseburger  
Chicken Wraps  
Chili  
Nachos  
French Fries

IF YOU ARE ACTIVE GUARD RESERVE (AGR), ON ANY KIND OF ORDERS (ANNUAL TRAINING, STATE ACTIVE DUTY, MPA, TITLE 10), OR AN OFFICER YOU MUST PAY, \$4.25

## Kaplan University Scholarship Program

The American Freedom Foundation/Kaplan University Scholarship Program has been established to provide support to certain children and spouses of U.S.

Service personnel that desire to attend an online undergraduate degree program at Kaplan University.

The scholarships will be granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services, a division of Scholarship America. Scholarship Management Services is a designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations, and individuals.

The program has approximately 1.5 million dollars to give away and only three people applied last year.

Application Postmark Deadline: June 1, 2012. For more details go to: <http://sms.scholarshipamerica.org/aff/>

## May Lodging

Lodging for May UTA will be provided at contract hotel from Friday 05/04 to Sunday 05/06. Any members that are outside the commuting distance and will be traveling to Alpena on Monday the 7th of May will need to make their own reservations for Sunday night. These charges will be reimbursed on the travel voucher filled out at the end of the TDY. For questions please contact the billeting office at [152aw.lodging@ang.af.mil](mailto:152aw.lodging@ang.af.mil)

# Nevada Employers Move One Step Closer to Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award

ARLINGTON, Va. –Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense agency, announced today that three Nevada employers have been selected as semifinalists for the 2012 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award. The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by the DoD to employers for exceptional support of their Guard and Reserve employees. This year, 133 semifinalists nationwide stood out among an impressive pool of 3,236 nominees.

The Nevada employers named semifinalists are GE Measurement & Control Solutions, Carson City; Nevada Dept. of Transportation, Carson City; and THOR Construction, Las Vegas. Freedom Award nominations come directly from Guard and Reserve members, or family members acting on their behalf. The Freedom Award provides service members with an opportunity to recognize employers for going above and beyond what is required by law. Employers chosen as semifinalists support their Guard and Reserve employees through a variety of formal and informal initiatives, including developing internal military support networks, providing full benefits to employees fulfilling their military obligations, caring for the families of deployed employees, and granting additional leave to Guard and Reserve employees preparing to leave for or return from deployments.

"The employers selected as Freedom Award semifinalists have distinguished themselves for their support of their National Guard and Reserve employees, and are truly serving our Nation with their extraordinary commitment to these special employees," said ESGR National Chair James G. Rebholz. "Their efforts are to be applauded, and ESGR salutes these patriotic employers for their special care of their Guard and Reserve employees and their families while they serve our Nation in times of war and peace."

ESGR will announce the 2012 Freedom Award finalists next month after a review board comprised of military and civilian leaders selects the 30 most supportive employers from among the 133 semi-

nalists. The 15 award recipients will be announced early this summer and honored in Washington, D.C. at the 17th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Ceremony on September 20, 2012.

A complete list of Freedom Award semifinalists from each state is available at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) under the Media Tab in the Press Releases section.

About ESGR and the Freedom Award:

The Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 under the auspices of ESGR to recognize exceptional support from the employer community. In the years since, 160 employers have been honored with the award. Established as a DoD agency 40 years ago,

ESGR develops and maintains employer support for Guard and Reserve service. ESGR advocates relevant initiatives, recognizes outstanding support, increases awareness of applicable laws, and resolves conflict between service members and employers. Paramount to ESGR's mission is encouraging employment of Guardsmen and Reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

For questions or interviews regarding the Freedom Award, please contact Mandi Rumble, ESGR Public Affairs, at 571-372-0704 or by email at [ESGR-PA@osd.mil](mailto:ESGR-PA@osd.mil).

## May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month

*By Tech Sgt. Sara Coney*

*152nd AW Equal Opportunity Advisor*

Asian Pacific Heritage month was established in 1990 to mark the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant to the United States on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the trans-continental railroad by many Chinese laborers on May 10, 1869. The first Japanese national to set foot on American soil was a young fisherman named Manjiro. Manjiro would later become instrumental in ending Japan's centuries of isolation. Though Manjiro's name and legendary life story is celebrated by all the children in Japan, fame has eluded him on this side of the Pacific where his life story remains just a footnote in American maritime history.

The year was 1841. Japan was an impenetrable stronghold, totally isolated and off limits to the rest of the world. Sailors and whaling ships inadvertently entering Japanese coastal waters were summarily turned away and threatened with violence if they did not leave. On a routine fishing trip near a coastal Japanese village, Manjiro's crew was cast adrift in a violent, sudden, treacherous storm. For a week, Mojito and his crew suffered terrible conditions. Finally, they were washed up on a desert island three hundred miles from Japan. There the crew subsisted on albatross, crustaceans, and carrion. Finally, five months later, a whaling ship out of New Bedford, Massachusetts miraculously rescued them.

Young Manjiro was adopted by William Whitefield, the captain of the ship. After his adoption, Captain Whitefield renamed him John Mung. John Mung/Manjiro studied English and ocean navigation. Manjiro's remarkable arrival in America presaged a life of drama and courageous adventures. After many exploits and on land and sea, Manjiro returned to his beloved homeland of Japan. Although he was charged with leaving his country, Manjiro was redeemed and elevated to the status of samurai. He was also asked to select a samurai name. He selected Nakahama, the name of his birthplace. He went on to serve as a Japanese diplomat. He continued to work behind the scenes as an ambassador between Japan and the West.

This month provides the perfect opportunity for you and your family to celebrate the history, arts, and the many different cultures of Asian Pacific Americans. It is also a great time to tell the story of Monjiro – the first Japanese national to set foot on American soil. Asian-Pacific Americans has been in the United States for over 150 years. Their heritage is as rich as the individuals representing the 29 different countries.



## Safety Corner

As we all know, the Readiness Assistance Visit (RAV) is right around the corner. What is the connection to safety and the RAV? The answer is very simple: one safety violation can be the difference between an "Outstanding" and a "Satisfactory." We have technical orders, checklists and directives which allow us to accomplish the mission as we engage the enemy. But sometimes, our worst enemy is complacency. We may get in the habit of accomplishing the same routine tasks and forget the associated hazards or risks and the safety precautions provided in the instructions. Take the time to do it right the first time! Two areas of special interest this UTA are PPE and Forklift Operation. Review the following and have a "Safe Drill"!

We have all inventoried and inspected your chem gear, when was the last time you did the same with your PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)? Take the time to inspect your PPE and make sure it is packed or carried to the RAV.

Forklift safety: Slow down!

1. Maintain a safe following distance from other vehicles - about three vehicle lengths.
2. Drive with your load low - six or eight inches off the ground - and tilted slightly back
3. Raise and lower your load only when you are stopped
4. Stop and sound the horn at intersections
5. Avoid sharp turns.
6. Keep your arms and legs inside the vehicle
7. Be sure your load is stable and secure.
8. When leaving the forklift, lower the forks, neutralize the controls, shut it off and set the brakes

## 2012 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event

**Where:** Las Vegas, The Venetian | The Palazzo

**When:** May 17, 2012

Join us May 17 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, for a job fair for military veterans who are seeking new employment.

Event is open to active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members, and military and spouses of veterans, in the Lido Ballroom of The Venetian | The Palazzo, 3355 Las Vegas Boulevard South. This event will be held in conjunction with The Venetian | The Palazzo semi-annual "Salute Our Troops" multi-day event and will be a one-of-a-kind FREE hiring fair for both employers and job seekers.

The hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the The Venetian | The Palazzo in partnership with the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services (DOL VETS), the Student Veterans of America, the Nevada Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Recruit Military, Hire Heroes USA, NBC News, and other local partners.

If you need assistance registering, please contact us at [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com).

## Inspector General Corner

*By Maj. Thomas Funk  
152 AW Inspector General*

Each month, I ponder what, as an Inspector General, is relevant to the times and current situation within our Wing and to provide something worthwhile of publishing in the High Roller News. Each month I struggle. Do I provide another example of Fraud, Waste or Abuse (FWA) or another on restriction or reprisal? Perhaps. But those two areas are generally simple. FWA? See it, report it. Restriction or reprisal regarding the aforementioned FWA? DON'T DO IT! Pretty straightforward. So this month, I thought I'd talk about another item of interest to me and generally of interest to everyone in a working environment--Accountability. Accountability in all directions is paramount to the health of an organization.

As Airmen, we are accountable to ourselves as individuals to live by our core values. As Nevada Air National Guard,

and members of our community, we are accountable to the population to be stewards of goodwill. As members of the military in general, we are accountable to our Commander in Chief to defend the Constitution of the United States. But within our unit, and more closely associated with the meaning of accountability as it relates to work, we need to hold each other accountable to a high standard of performance.

Leaders at all levels need to consistently communicate and apply the standards to which we should all strive and to coach and train those individuals who don't meet those standards with regularity.

As followers at all levels, we need to look within ourselves each day to determine if we are putting in the effort that exudes excellence, but also actively reaching out to our leaders to ensure that we are on the same page with them in producing to the standards set forth by our AFIs, our shop, and our core values.

While, as I stated above, it is important that the leaders communicate. It is just

as important that, as followers, (because we are all both leaders and followers) we pursue information if we find it lacking. So, that as we work side by side, none of us will feel that the co-worker to our left or right is not working to the same level as the established high standard, and what should already be inherent in our own work.

### Reno Aces Military Appreciation Night

Friday, June 1st at 7pm

~Equipment and Static Displays

~Outstanding Soldiers and Airmen to be recognized

~Airman to Sing National Anthem

~Topping the Night off with Firework Display

RESERVED TICKETS: \$10

POC's: Chief Master Sgt. Rick Scurry (4579), Master Sgt. Tracey Woodfolk (4701), & Staff Sgt. Kristine Schwind (8707)

# Nevada History During WWII: *Japanese Balloon Bombs Over Nevada*

*By Master Sgt. (ret) Sam D. Macaluso,  
the Ghost Writer in the Sky*

When General Jimmy Doolittle led his B-25 bombers in a sneak raid over Japan in the spring of 1942, he set into motion a chain of events that would result in one of the more bizarre stories of World War II: the Japanese attempt to attack the continental United States by bomb-carrying balloons, floating across the entire Pacific Ocean.

From the late fall of 1944 through the early spring of 1945, the Japanese launched more than 9,000 of these "fusen bakudan", "fire balloons", of which 300 were found or observed in the US. Some guesswork gives the total number that made the trip at about 1,000. Despite the high hopes of their designers, the balloons were totally ineffective as weapons, and survive in memory only as an ingenious and malevolent curiosity.

Fire balloons or balloon bombs were hydrogen balloons with one 15 kg antipersonnel bomb and two incendiary devices attached. They were launched by Japan during World War II to wreak havoc on American cities, forests and farmlands. They were called the Fu-Go Weapon, supposedly a revenge bomb for the 1942 Doolittle Raids on Tokyo.

Japanese bomb-carrying balloons were 10 m (32 ft) in diameter and when fully inflated, held about 540 m<sup>3</sup> (19,000 ft<sup>3</sup>) of hydrogen. Launch sites were located on the east coast of the main Japanese island of Honshu.

Japan released the first of these bomb-bearing balloons on Nov. 3, 1944. They were found in Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Michigan and Iowa, as well as Mexico and Canada. The last one was launched in April 1945. The last one found in North America was in Alaska in 1955 - its payload still lethal after 10 years of erosion.

A young minister and his wife took five children on a church-group picnic in a forested area seventy miles northeast of Klamath Falls, Oregon. One of the youngsters, 13-year-old Joan Patzke, spotted a

huge balloon caught on trees in the woods near the tiny town of Bly in southern Oregon. She called the others, and one of them tugged at the immense bag. A tremendous explosion rocked the countryside, killing the girl as well as the minister's wife, Elsie Mitchell, 26; Edward Engen, 13; Jay Gifford, 13; Dick Patzke, 14; and Sherman Shoemaker, 11. The Reverend Archie Mitchell, the only survivor, escaped because he was a short distance behind the others.

These six became the only victims of a Japanese attack on the United States mainland in World War II--an offensive that hit Nevada and nearly every Intermountain and Pacific Coast state.

At least ten drifted over Nevada at one time or another; all were located and rendered harmless between November 9, 1944, and May 1, 1945. One of Emperor Hirohito's so-called "puffballs" was found by workers on the Wilson ranch near Yerington, but it wasn't identified for almost a month. Cowboys--uncertain of the object's identity--tied it to the rear bumper of a car and towed it to a garage. They attempted to notify authorities by mail, and when they received no answer, they deflated the gasbag and used what they believed to be "white rubberized silk" to cover a haystack

on the ranch. State police later identified the improvised "tarp" as a Japanese balloon with two bombs still hidden at its base.

Still another of the balloons was found by an old prospector, in February 1945, who thought the "guvmint" had lost something and delivered it by burro from the hills near Elko to authorities. It was one of seven such devices turned over to the Army by Nevadans.

Citizens of Reno had their first look at one of the balloons when it floated over the city for a time on March 9, 1945. The balloon, which was fully loaded with bombs, appeared over the city at 1:55p.m. on a Friday. Calm skies kept it suspended above the town until almost 4:30p.m. As the balloon drifted away from Reno in the direction of Reno Army Air Base (now Stead) it dropped two of its bombs which failed to explode. The balloon was pursued by a fighter plane and was shot down near the airfield. Nothing was ever mentioned in the media.

On March 18, 1945, ranchers feeding stock in White Pine County near Baker watched a balloon descend in a field. They contacted local law enforcement. The balloon was secured by state police, and the FBI and turned over to the Army.

Certainly dozens, if not hundreds of the deadly balloons drifted over Nevada as they traveled as far east as Detroit, Michigan. Another curiosity of WWII that affected Nevada.

## ***Security Awareness for Next Month's Open House Event***

### ***Antiterrorism***

With the Open House almost upon us, please maintain a heightened but relaxed sense of situational awareness during the event. Do not allow personnel to leave bags or packages unattended, note the appearance of anyone taking an abnormal interest in Department of Defense assets, and immediately report any security or access violations during the event. As always, call the Base Defense Operations Center (BDOC) with questions or concerns at 775-788-4550.

### ***Law Enforcement***

All guest parking will be off base for the Open House with the exception of disabled parking and distinguished visitor parking. If you are working the event, expect to come in well before the gates open to the public. Once the gates are open to the public there will be no general parking on the base due to force protection requirements. If you have questions regarding Open House parking, please contact Chief Master Sgt. Rob Taulman at 788-4695.



# National Guard News

## Air Force Offers C-130s to Placate Air Guard

The Air National Guard won a victory this week after unleashing an all-out attack on Capitol Hill against the decision for the Guard to bear the brunt of the Air Force budget cuts.

The Pentagon made an unusual announcement in a letter to Congress that it would add \$400 million to its budget request to save 2,200 Air Guard jobs and maintain 24 C-130 Hercules cargo planes in Guard units. It's rare for the Defense Department to amend its budget request before Congress votes on it, but Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said it was done following concerns expressed by the Council of Governors.

"After further review, the Air Force has determined that we can mitigate impacts to affected states with a \$400 million package that would maintain an additional 24 C-130 aircraft in the Air National Guard," Defense Secretary Leon Panetta wrote. "We recognize the important role that these lift aircraft play in our support to civil authorities and to states -- particularly in the event of natural disasters."

The Council of Governors, a group of 10 governors formed in 2010 to help respond to natural disasters, issued an alternative plan in February to the Pentagon's proposal cutting the service's budget. It would cut 6,400 active-duty airmen and 2,000 guardsmen rather than the 3,900 active-duty airmen and 5,100 guardsmen proposed by the Air Force.

The Air Force rejected that proposal earlier this month, saying the "[Council of Governors] proposal would increase costs and produce adverse impacts to the [Air Force's] risk-balanced force structure and combat power," according to an official Air Force evaluation of the proposal.

Still, the service received orders from Panetta to address the Council of Governors concerns and those concerns led to this week's changes, according to Panetta's letter.

The Air Force's budget request suggests closing seven squadrons, four of them Guard squadrons. Some of those units will receive new missions, but three of those squadrons will lose the A-10 Warthog attack jets they had been flying. Lawmakers in those states have aligned against the Air Force in budgetary hearings on Capitol Hill.

Bipartisan support for anything in Congress has been rare these days, but law-

makers have unified in their distaste for the cuts proposed by the Air Force. Service leaders have fallen under a blizzard of criticism for targeting the Guard.

Michigan Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Tuesday the proposal was only a first step toward alleviating some of the concerns of Congress and that more must be done.

"Secretary Panetta is responding to the widespread concerns that I and other members of the Senate Armed Service Committee, along with the governors, have expressed over the disproportionate reductions to the Air National Guard in the Air Force's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013," Levin said. "The 24 additional C-130s that Secretary Panetta is recommending for the Air National Guard represent progress toward restoring some proportionality to the Air Force's proposed budget."

Levin said he was pleased to hear the Air Force is proposing to reduce the number of guardsmen subtracted from its end strength.

"I understand this recommendation would reverse more than 40 percent of the personnel reductions to the Air National Guard initially proposed by the Air Force. I will continue to look for mitigating steps in order to achieve proportionality in any cuts to the Air Force," Levin said.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz has insisted that he has included Guard leadership in budget discussions. Schwartz penned a column with Reserve chief Lt. Gen. Charles Stenner and Air Guard Director Lt. Gen. Harry "Bud" Wyatt, explaining how the three chose the cuts together.

However, Guard adjutants general from all 50 states wrote their own letters to the Senate Armed Services Committee ripping the service's "flawed processes, assumptions and criteria that produced the Air Force budget request."

"It is counterintuitive that the Air National Guard, which comprises 21 percent of the uniformed members of the Total Air Force, would bear 59 percent of the total aircraft cuts and approximately six times the per capita personnel cuts, especially in light of our country's current and foreseeable fiscal posture," the adjutants general wrote.

Observers view this proposal as a good will gesture in hopes of passing other

proposals made in the budget request such as killing the C-27J or reducing the Guard's A-10 fleet.

Lt. Gen. Christopher Miller, the deputy Air Force chief of staff for strategic plans and programs, told The New York Times he hoped the proposal "will be the basis for the Congress to respond favorably."

Air National Guard officials referred reporters to the Defense Department for comment.

"We believe this proposal is very much in keeping with the national defense requirements laid out in our strategy and the public safety concerns expressed by the Council of Governors," said a top Pentagon spokesman, Navy Capt. John Kirby. "These aircraft play a vital role in our support to civil authorities, particularly in the event of natural disasters. It's the right thing to do."

An officer inside the Guard who has kept a close eye on these cuts said he is worried the Pentagon is saving the wrong aircraft for the Guard. It doesn't make sense to move C-130s into the Guard but keep the higher priced fighters, which are not used as often, in active duty, said the officer who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

If the Air Force really wants to save money, it should move the more high-priced aircraft such as the F-22 and F-16 into the Guard and Reserve, the officer argued. However, he said that was unlikely because of the high profile of those aircraft inside the Air Force.

"My feeling is that this move is like the used car salesman throwing in 'free tires for life' with the car deal. Great, but we still bought the lemon," the officer said.

### Senior Master Sgt. Kim Randall is Retiring after 34 Years of Service!

Date: Sat. June 2

Location: SANGA

Time: 6pm

No Host Cocktails at 5:30pm

Cost: \$15 - Mexican Buffet

POC's:

Senior Master Sgt. Lorne Hall x-4593

Master Sgt. Woodfolk x-4701

Paul Beede 233-6642

Please RSVP by May 30

Come celebrate a great career  
& wish her the best in the  
future!!

### ***CERFP, From Front Page***

was announced by national disaster preparedness evaluators, CERFP went into action. They were scored on everything from getting to the scene, setting up tents all the way to getting victims stabilized and to a higher level of care.

Trailers hauled by truck were opened up and deceptively small boxes quickly expanded to form a small tent city organized in a way that would separate, evaluate and treat patients to include wash racks to decontaminate victims who have been exposed to radiation or dangerous gases. They had 90 minutes from the start of the evaluation to when they could be fully operational.

"We easily beat that time," said 152nd Airlift Wing Medical Group Commander, Col. Don Delperto. "We've been ready for this for exercise for a while."

CERFP has actually performed this scenario on two previous occasions as practice, but this time it was for the big grade of making the Nevada CERFP an operational disaster response element of FEMA District 9 which includes Nevada, California and Arizona.

CERFP isn't intended to replace existing first-line emergency responders like local fire and police officials, Delperto said. "We're here to roll right in right behind

them once we get the call."

Delperto said now that the team of 180 Nevada Army and Air Guard members has been certified as officially CERFP qualified, they are on the clock to respond at any time.

"We have to be available to respond within six hours," he explained. "That means if someone is on leave, they have to have a replacement that is available for that response."

The exercise simulated 1,900 people being affected either by the simulated mustard gas exposure or the simulated building collapses caused by the train crash.

"With the portable hospital we brought with us, we can treat 100 patients an hour," he said. "Without resupply, we have enough to treat 300. As long as we have a steady supply system going, we can handle a lot of patients pretty well."

Along with the portable hospital, dozens of engineers with heavy equipment for cutting wood, metal and concrete as well as engineers trained to shore up unsteady walls were called out. Once the engineers safely extracted their victims, sometimes with the help of specially trained FEMA certified search and rescue dogs, victims were transported either by stretcher or by the victim's own power to the treatment tents. Local residents were hired and

equipped with various injuries and given specific roles to play. Some of the role-playing victims formed small angry and disoriented groups where CERFP members, completely dressed in full protective suits and masks, had to initiate crowd-control techniques to calm the group before they could start the treatment process.

"The live victims really added to the realism," said 152nd AW Medical Provider, Lt Col. Scott Shepherd. "Practice mannequins are ok, but nothing beats being able to talk to a live patient."

CERFP teams are comprised of only National Guard members and are considered an element of Homeland Defense. There are 17 active CERFP units nationwide. Although they're equipped for ground transportation, they can also easily be equipped for air transport.

Delperto said the concept of the CERFPs came shortly after 9/11 because of the believed threats from WMDs (Weapons of Mass Destruction).

"I know we passed the evaluation with flying colors, and that's because of the outstanding team we have," Delperto summarized. "We've trained for this and will continue to train for this, because we have a great team of motivated members. We'll be there for any possible mission we're called to do."

## **FEMA administrator: National Guard part of whole-of-community disaster response**

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. - The Emergency Assistance Compact - one of the agreements that allows National Guard elements from one state to assist others in neighboring states - is one part of a comprehensive response to catastrophic emergencies and natural disasters, the administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency said here last week.

"All 50 states, several territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico are all members of the Emergency Assistance Compact," Craig Fugate told the 2012 Domestic Preparedness Workshop co-hosted by the National Guard Bureau and U.S. Northern Command. "EMAC is frequently used by states to send resources, including available National Guard resources, across state lines in support of a disaster response."

That means focusing on an overall national preparedness and response strategy, as opposed to a patchwork of local responders.

The Presidential Policy Directive 8, signed by President Obama on March 30, 2011, instructs the federal government to take action to strengthen our nation's security and resilience against a variety of hazards, including terrorism, pandemics and catastrophic natural disasters.

PPD-8 reflects the Obama Administration's belief that the whole community - including all levels of government, the private and nonprofit sectors, and individual citizens - plays a key role in preparedness efforts.

"The president directed the federal government to develop a new national preparedness goal," Fugate said. "We are going to build frameworks around that goal and look at how we respond as a nation. Ultimately, we need to ensure that that response is meeting the needs of the 'whole-of-community'."

Fugate suggested that training and exercises should perhaps go beyond the breaking point moment. By exercising past the point of failure, the government has the ability to identify gaps in capabilities and

resources.

Tying in local jurisdictions to a larger national preparedness and response plan is part of the process and many of those process elements are already in place.

"As we saw [with last year's tornadoes] across the Southeast and Midwest, the initial response in those disasters were local, state and mutual aid from neighboring states," said Fugate, adding that in some cases resources that were used in response to those events were put in place by local and state governments using Homeland Security funds.

In the end, Fugate said preparing for the next disaster means building resiliency. It means that we need to work together to ensure that the preparedness system we build considers the needs of the whole community - individuals, businesses, community - and faith-based organizations, schools and all levels of government. FEMA recognizes that the nation will be most prepared for threats and hazards when we work together.